

[54] **ALLERGEN-CONTAINING SUBSTANCES**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

This invention pertains to allergen-containing substances, methods of preparing the same and using the same as immunologically specific suppressants of the production of reaginic antibodies directed to the allergen in question. The allergen-containing substances can be characterized as covalent conjugates of the allergen molecules with non-immunogenic water-soluble polymers. The degree of conjugation is such that the conjugates are rendered tolerogenic as well as substantially non-allergenic and non-immunogenic. The new conjugates are useful for immunologically specific suppression of common allergies in mammals, including humans, which are mediated by reaginic antibodies of the IgE class.

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